ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 Rev. Brian L. Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Michele Panick 10:30 am

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DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days See Bulletin

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 Office Hours:

PHONES: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

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Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Parish Website Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Secretaries’ E-mail Anytime Requested

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 YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 53

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Plan at least nine months in advance.

 Preparation sessions are necessary.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home.

 Eulogies should be given at the funeral home at the time of the wake service or at the luncheon.

REGISTRATION Those new to the area, newlyweds, and single adults, (even if registered

 and before with their families) are asked to register by calling the Parish Office.

MEMBERSHIP: Every parishioner must be registered. This is a condition for admission

 to our Program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Eucharist, and Matrimony; also, for testimonial letters or sponsorship of Baptism and Confirmation outside the Parish.

VISITATION: We are concerned and want to be advised when someone is ill at

 home or in the hospital. Call the rectory to have the shut-in placed on our monthly Holy Communion calls or seriously ill prayer list.

SACRAMENTAL Requires parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism

POLICY: and Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesdays.

 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

 December 31, 2017

  **Month of The Immaculate Conception**

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (January 1 – January 7, 2018)

Monday 9:00 AM Regina Anderko req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

Tuesday 8:00 AM Mildred Beesoick req. by St. Michael Funeral Committee

Wednesday 8:00 AM Most Holy Trinity, South Fork & St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

 12:05 PM St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

Thursday 8:00 AM Thomas Murin req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

First Friday 8:00 AM Loretta Panick req. Randy Ruddek

Saturday 4:00 PM William Shay req. by Cathy & Joe Faher

Sunday 8:00 AM Tom & Magdalene Plummer req. by Patty Hammond

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 6 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Cathy & Joe Faher

Minister of the Host: Helen Slonac

Ministers of the Cup: Mary Partsch & Alice Podrebarac

Altar Servers: Adam & Alex Bambino

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, January 7 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Tom & Magdalene Plummer

Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard Family

Ministers of the Cup: Walter Christ & Betty Long

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Brian Bernard

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, January 710:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar James Fisher Family Minister of the Host: Michael Barton

Ministers of the Cup: Joan Oshaben & Susan Wieczorek

Altar Servers: Ericka Frombach & Alexia Steele

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter 9th Grade REACH Students

Sunday, January 7 Collection Counters

 Tom & Sharon Paterson

 Robert Cas

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Lori Facciani, Dylon Wills, Dawn Hagen, Debbie Dibert, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Remy Beaver, Mary Lou Offman, Marian Chuckalovcak, Arlene Diamond, Mary Zangaglia, Dorothy Rosemas, Natalie Zerby, Patricia Grata, Michael Wadsworth, Valencia & Frank Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Allison Krischer, Ted Paluch, Brandt Hutzel, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Mary McCall, Sean, Holly, Shane, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Dan Pauley, Jane Plummer, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Heidi Allison, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Bob Debias, Patricia Oshaben, Craig Kraber, Ashlee Madison, Marlene McCrory, Bob Casti, Frank McCleester, Susan Yanzetich and all of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes, those who care for them, and those in the military along with their families. (Please call the Rectory to have your name removed from the list when no longer seriously ill. Thank You.)

 LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,438.00

Loose $ 332.00

Youth $ 29.00

Monthly $ 386.00

Candles $ 15.00

Maintenance Fund $ 343.00

Initial Offering $ 10.00

Immaculate Conception $ 16.00

Christmas $7,281.00

Religious Retirement $ 14.00

Catholic Charities $ 2.00

Christmas Flowers $ 12.00

Total $11,908.00

We sincerely thank and ask God’s blessing upon all who have care and concern for our parish.



 *December 31, 2017 Luke: 2:22-40*

*The gospel shows Mary and Joseph weren’t perfect parents. Have you ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child’s mouth, then you are in good company-so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.*



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the well-being of the parishoners of

St. Michael Parish

during the week of December 31, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ~ January 1, 2018 is the Solemnity of Mary. It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 9:00 AM.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PLAQUES ~ There are still a few of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Plaques left in the Bridal Room. Makes a great gift for any occasion! $6.00 each.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ In Memory of Rose Hudak, Margaret Hudak and Stephen Domen by Edward Hudak. In Honor of Sonja Serball by David & Sarah Zajdel. Donations by Kelleen Skoner & Matthew J. Skoner.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TIME CHANGE ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on First Friday, January 5th, 2018 at 12:00 NOON until 3:00 PM due to an early morning funeral.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring schedule which covers February through May 2018. If you have a request for dates you are not available or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, January 21. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters. Please contact Fr. Brian or Suzi for further details or if you would like to volunteer.

SUNDAY MASS WITH SPORTS STARS ~ Here at St. Michael’s Church on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM with a Meet and Greet with Talks and 3:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come see these dedicated athletes: Rick Roberts, Gene Pentz, John Strittmatter and more, who have excelled in sports and fitness, while keeping their Catholic Faith strong in their lives.

STEPPING STONES TO PRAYER ~ The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus invite girls in grades 7-12 to a weekend retreat, Stepping Stones to Prayer, from Jan 12-14, 2018. Held at St. Joseph Convent, 1872 Munster Rd., Portage, the weekend begins Fri. 6:00 PM to Sun. 1:00 PM. Please register by Wednesday, January 10th by contacting Sister Jacinta sisterjacinta@gmail.com or 814-886-4459. Meals will be provided. Suggested donation $35.

ST. BENEDICT 2018 WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE ~ The letter of St. Paul that is heard more often than any other as the Second Reading on Sundays in the three-year Catholic lectionary, is his Letter to the Romans. This letter is the longest, the most influential and most rewarding of Paul’s undisputed letters. Deacon Michael Russo will facilitate an in-depth study of St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 AM beginning January 6th in the School Music Room. Please bring your Bible. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036 or Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. ALL ARE WELCOME!

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS AVAILABILITY ~ I certainly understand that many of us have busy schedules due to work obligations, etc.. Having said that, I have compiled a list of Mass Availability that you may not be aware of. Please feel free to attend any of these Masses, if you cannot attend one of our scheduled Masses.

Saturdays: 6:00 PM – St. Bartholomew, 185 Church Hill Rd., Wilmore

 7:00 PM – St. Benedict, 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown.

 Sundays: 11:30 AM – St. Benedict, 2310 Bedford St. Johnstown and

 Holy Name, 500 N. Julian St., Ebensburg

 12:00 PM - Holy Family, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage

 5:00 PM, St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton St., Johnstown

 6:00 PM – Whalley Chapel, UPJ

 7:00 PM – Mount Aloysius, 7373 Admiral Perry Hwy, Cresson

 8:00 PM – St. Francis University, 117 Evergreen Dr., Loretto

 NOTE: The University Masses are not always scheduled, if students are on break.

Religious Education And Christian Helping

December 31, 2017

 Religious Education Schedule for the Christmas & New Year’s Holiday

We have a holiday break for our Religious Education students and catechists. Religious Education Classes will not be held over the break on the following dates: No Class on Sunday, December 31st for Grades 6—12.

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 4th for K~5 and Sunday, January 7th for Grades 6~12.



 *Confirmation Retreat* / Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1—7:00 PM

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat. This retreat will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1—6:30 PM. The retreat will focus on the three required retreat topics of ~ “Baptism”, “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” and “Parables”.

 Sunday, December 31 NO Religious Education / Grades 6-12

 Monday, January 1, 2018 Mass / 9:00 AM / Not a Holy Day of Obligation

 Offices Closed

 Tuesday, January 2

 Wednesday, January 3 No Mass

 Thursday, January 4 K – 5 Religious Education Classes / 3:30-4:30

 Saturday Night Choir Practice / 5:30

 Friday, January 5 First Friday / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

 Saturday January 6

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 January 9 Sacrament Class / Fr. Grimme

 January 13 & 14 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 January 28 Sunday Mass with Sports Stars

 February 3 Confirmation Retreat / Grades 9-11

 February 14 Ash Wednesday



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SQUARE DANCES ~ Will be held at New Germany Grove Hall on January 6 & 13, February 3 & 17, and March 3 & 17 from 7-10 PM. An $8 admission will cover dancing and refreshments. Benefits Immaculate Conception Pro-Life Group. Music by Klassic Kountry.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION JEWELRY RAFFLE ~ Held at New Germany Hall: 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert and Drinks. Saturday January 20, 2018. Over $7,500 in Jewelry & Accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. GRAND PRIZE: $1,000 jewelry shopping spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 5:50 PM. Pulled winning Door Tickets will be re-entered for Grand Prize. Need not be present to win. Jewelry, Accessories, Instant Bingo & 50/50’s will be chanced during the bash. Only 500 Tickets sold. $25.00 DONATION *No Guests.* For tickets contact Becky 724-357-8384. For pictures and more details visit [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle).